THE RELIABLE

Premium Coin Catalogue and Price List

Showing the Numismatic Value of Old and Rare U. S. Gold, Silver and Copper Coins

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Important Information About Rare Coins

PLEASE READ

The prices paid for rare coins are chiefly regulated by their state of preservation, the number of pieces issued of a certain date, and the demand for same. Neither the metal out of which the coin is made, nor the age has anything to do with the prices paid.

The prices quoted in this book are the prices WE PAY for coins in good to proof condition (see "Conditions of Coins"), hence $5.00 to $10.00 means that we will pay anywhere between those prices, according to the condition of the coin.

Never clean a rare coin. A somewhat corroded coin is oftentimes more valuable than a cleaned one. The cleaning of a rare coin considerably decreases its value.

The prices offered in this book are not mere guess work. The book was prepared with greatest care as to its accuracy; after years of close study of the values of rare coins, with the assistance of years of experience gained in the coin business.

CONDITION OF COINS

"Proof"

Proof coins are especially struck for collectors from polished blanks and dies and finished by hand, which gives them a mirror-like, smooth, reflective surface. The most perfect condition known. PROOF coinage was discontinued in 1916. Renewed in 1936.

"Uncirculated"

Uncirculated coins are coins struck for circulation. But coins, to be classified as "uncirculated," must be as new and bright as when dropped from the coining press; a coin that has been in circulation, no matter whether it shows no marks of wear, cannot be classified as uncirculated.

"Fine"

Fine coins are those that have been in circulation and have lost their original mint brightness, but they must not show any scratches or nicks.

"Good"

Good coins are those which have seen considerable circulation, but every feature of the coin must show plainly. It must not show any bad scratches or nicks.

HALF CENTS

Coinage commenced in 1793 and discontinued in 1857; none were coined in 1798, 1799, 1801, 1812 to 1824, 1827, 1830, 1837, 1838, and 1839. Were coined at the Philadelphia mint only.

1793-1794-1795-1796-1797	50c to $25.00
1800-1802-1811	20c to $5.00
1831-1836-1840 to 1848	80c to $20.00
1849 with small date	$4.00 to $20.00
All Other Dates	10c to 25c

THE MOTTO ON U. S. COINS

"In God We Trust"

Since the 1907 issues of $10.00 and $20.00 gold pieces appeared, many are of the belief that all U. S. coins without the motto command a premium. This is not true. **The motto was not placed on coins until 1864**; the two-cent piece being the first coin bearing the motto. So, of course, all U. S. coins prior to 1864 are without the motto.

WE WANT TO BUY OLD GOLD AND SILVER

Send us your old Watches, Spoons, Mutilated Coins or any articles that are made of Gold or Silver. We will make you our best offer by return mail.

Make a Search

Many a large sum, occasionally a veritable fortune, has been realized by a person who has taken the trouble to overhaul the contents of old trunks, desks or portmanteaus which have lain untouched for generations in attics or elsewhere.

LARGE COPPER CENTS

Coinage commenced in 1793 and discontinued in 1857. None were coined in 1815. Were coined at the Philadelphia mint only:

1793-1799-1804 ..... $2.00 to $25.00
All other dates ..... 5c to $2.00

Send us ALL your large cents. We will examine them and make you our best offer by return mail.

SMALL CENTS

1856 Flying Eagle ..... $5.00 to 50.00
1857-1858 Eagle Cents ..... 5c to 25c

We will pay a premium on ALL Indian Head Cents that are UNCIRCULATED.

TWO CENT PIECES—Bronze

1864 to 1871 ..... 5c to 20c
1872 to 1873 ..... 10c to $4.00

Silver Nickel

Silver and Nickel THREE CENT PIECES

Coined in SILVER from 1851 to 1873. Coined in NICKEL from 1865 to 1889.

1873 SILVER or 1877 NICKEL 3c pieces .... 50c to $2.00
All other dates ..... from 5c to $1.00 each

HALF DIME

HALF DIMES AND FIVE-CENT PIECES

1794 to 1805 ..... 50c to $150.00
1829 to 1883 Fine to Uncirculated ..... 10c to $2.50

Others of a later date are worth a premium if in UNCIRCULATED condition.

DIMES OR TEN CENT PIECES

1796 to 1804 ..... $1.00 to $20.00
1805 to 1829 ..... 20c to $5.00
1830 to 1860 ..... 15c to $2.00

Some of later date are worth a premium if UNCIRCULATED condition, or a RARE mint mark.

TWENTY CENT PIECES

1875 and 1876 ..... 35c to $1.00
1877 and 1878 ..... $1.50 to $3.00
1876 C. C. Mint is rare. Write us if you have one for sale.

QUARTER DOLLARS

1796-1804-1823-1824-1827 ..... $2.00 to $150.00
1853 (No ARROWS at date) ..... $3.00 to $7.00
All other dates before 1860 ..... 30c to $3.00

Many dates after 1860 are worth a premium if UNCIRCULATED or scarce MINT MARKS.

Half Dollars

1794-1795-1796-1797 ..... $1.00 to **$60.00**
1801 to 1853 ..... 55c to **$5.00**

1838 New Orleans Mint with the O over the date, or 1853 without arrows, or sun rays on reverse are worth a good premium. If you have above dates for sale it will pay you to write us.

Silver Dollars

1794 ..... $35.00 to **$75.00**
1795 to 1803 ..... $2.00 to **$5.00**
1804 ..... $500.00 to **$2,000.00**
1836-1838-1839-1851-1852 ..... $5.00 to **$100.00**
1853 to 1873 ..... $1.25 to **$5.00**
1870-1873 S. MINT ..... $20.00 to **$100.00**
1900 LAFAYETTE Commemorative ..... $1.50 to **$2.00**

Trade Dollars

(Demonetized not legal tender)

Coined from 1873 to 1885

1873 to 1883 ..... 60c to **$2.00**

1884-1885 ..... $50.00 to **$200.00**

United States Gold Coins

GOLD DOLLARS—

1863 to 1870 ..... $2.00 to $15.00
1875 ..... $15.00 to $30.00
All other dates ..... $1.65 to $6.00

If you have GOLD DOLLARS with MINT letters S.—C. or D.—on, write us for SPECIAL prices.

$2½ GOLD PIECES—1796 to 1875 .... $3.00 to $100.00
All other dates LIBERTY Head on ..... $2.75 to $5.00
$3.00 GOLD PIECES—We will pay from $3.75 to $100.00 for ALL $3.00 Gold Pieces.

Price depends on CONDITION and MINT MARK.

Let us know what you have to offer.

$4.00 GOLD PIECES—1879-1880 ..... $20.00 to $50.00

$5.00 GOLD PIECES—

1795 to 1880 ..... $5.75 to $100.00

Some of the later dates command a premium if in VERY FINE condition. Let us know what you have to offer.

$10.00 GOLD PIECES—

1795 to 1804 ..... $12.00 to $50.00

A few of the later dates are worth a premium if NICE condition.

$20.00 GOLD PIECES—

1849—Only one specimen known, it is in the U. S. collection of coins, and is valued at a VERY HIGH price.
1907—ROMAN LETTERS, Wire edge .. $22.00 to $25.00

PRIVATE ISSUES OF GOLD COINS

The Private or Pioneer coins, as they are sometimes called, were issued by private parties in the "Pioneer" days of the West and in the 60's in the Carolinas and Georgia. While not to be considered as legal coinage or legal tender, these pieces were accepted and passed current at a time when there was a pressing need of money with which to transact the business of the country. Such coinage is now prohibited by existing laws. Write us if you have any private issues of gold coins for sale.

CALIFORNIA 25c and 50c Gold Pieces were made by private firms from 1851 to 1876. They are worth from 40c to $1.00 each.

IMITATION small gold charms similar to the regular issue were made by jewelers for the tourist trade. We do not buy them.

— WE WANT TO BUY —

U. S. Commemorative Coins of ALL kinds.
U. S. Fractional Currency of ALL kinds.
U. S. Encased Postage Stamps.
Old Uncurrent Bank Bills.
Hard Times Tokens.
Coins of the Confederate States.
Civil War Tokens.
Confederate Currency.
Old STAMPS from 1840 to 1860.

— Let Us Know What You Have to Offer —

ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN COINS

With Portraits of Ancient Rulers

Made in Gold, Silver, Copper and Bronze. We will from 10c to many dollars each. Will have to see ANCIENT coins before we can set a price on them.

—FOREIGN COINS—

It would be impossible to list accurately the value of the thousands of Foreign Coins now in circulation. We shall be pleased to see and make you our best CASH OFFER for any coins you care to send us.

— ITEMS —

The first National Mint was established in Philadelphia, Pa. It commenced in 1793 and has been in continuous operation since.

The U. S. Coins were issued at SIX different Mints—Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, Carson City, Dahlonega, and Charlotte. There are now THREE mints in operation—Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver

Send valuable coins by insured mail or express.

Old coins are not valuable because they are old RARITY and DEMAND make the price.

The prices in this book include the face value.

— INFORMATION —

The face or front of a coin is called OBVERSE.

The back or opposite side is called REVERSE.

PATTERNS are coins struck at the Mint, but never put into circulation. All pattern coins are worth a premium.

Never clean a coin as it will bring more in the condition it is found.

PROOF coins of ANY kind are worth a premium.

U. S. Encased POSTAGE STAMPS, are stamps in frames with mica fronts, with advertisements on back of frame. We buy all kinds.

The invention and use of coins is attributed to the Lydians, a Greek nation, about 862 B. C., whose money was of gold and silver. The dating of coins was adopted about the fifteenth century.

The word DOLLAR was officially adopted as the name of the monetary standard of the United States by an act of Congress passed July 6th, 1785.

COINS, like diamonds, must be examined before they can be appraised. It really takes an expert to appraise coins.

We buy entire collections, also appraise collections for estates, banks and individuals.

We have been buying and selling old and rare coins for over 34 years.

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LIBERTY
1794

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LIBERTY

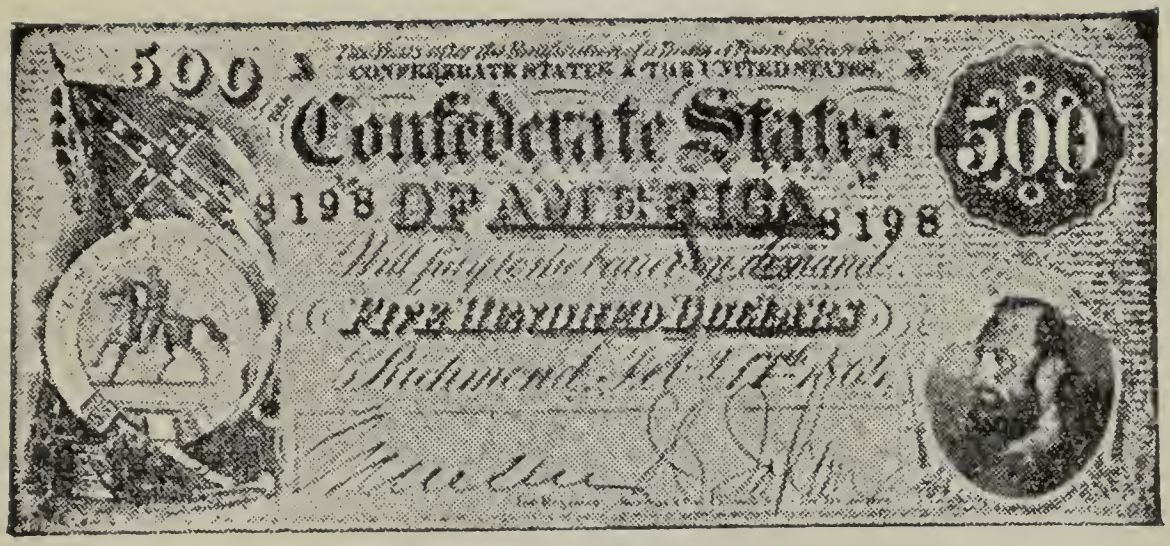
3
DOLLARS
1854

IN GOD WE TRUST
1873

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
5
CENTS

LIBERTY
1918

HALF DOLLAR



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Better order a package before all are sold.

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Return This Coupon With Your Order

THE PRICE OF COINS IS REGULATED BY THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND

It often happens that we can pay more for Coins than prices quoted in this price list. It is hard to set a fair price on coins before first seeing them. SEND us your coins and we will examine them and make you our best offer by return mail. We will examine your coins free of charge but must insist that you pay postage or express charges.

There are hundreds of coins that we cannot mention in this small price list, that are worth a premium. (Our larger Coin Book gives a more complete list. See advertisement on next page).

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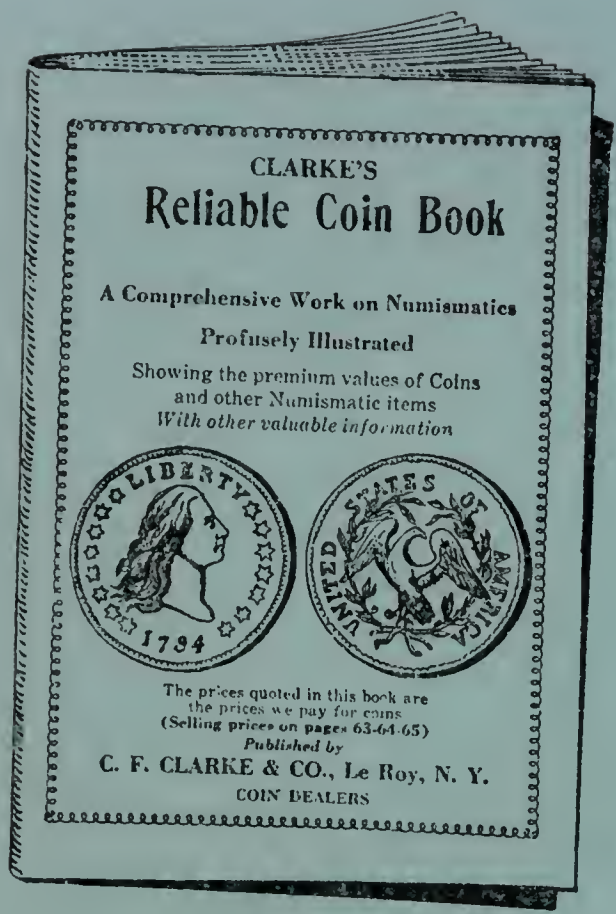

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